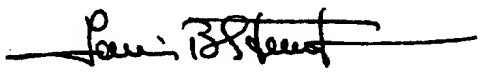
claim 13, and claims 20 and 21 dependent upon claim 18. Therefore, allowance of these claims is therefore submitted to be in order.

Claims 1-11, 14, 17 and 19 have been cancelled so that the only remaining claims are claims 13, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20 and 21 which should be allowed and, accordingly, a notice of allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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(Per Response to Office Action dated 06 MAY 2003 and
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Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Amended) A method according to claim [~~11~~] 13 further comprising the step of aligning the fiber within the cavity and positioning the fiber end adjacent the chip.

13. (Amended) A method [according to claim 11 further comprising the step of] for attaching an optic fiber to an optic chip and for maintaining alignment of the fiber at its end adjacent the chip, comprising the steps of:

positioning a sleeve having a symmetrically shaped cavity on the chip;

placing an adhesive into the sleeve cavity for being symmetrically shaped thereby;

inserting the fiber into the cavity;

securing the fiber to the chip;

curing the adhesive whereby the adhesive, as symmetrically shaped by the cavity, precisely positions the fiber to the chip; and

removing the sleeve from the chip after the adhesive has cured.

Claim 14 (cancelled)

15. (Amended) A method according to claim [~~11~~] 13 further comprising the step of providing the sleeve cavity with a truncated pyramid configuration.

16. (Amended) A method according to claim [~~11~~] 13 further comprising the step of providing the sleeve cavity with a truncated right circular cone configuration.

Claim 17 (cancelled)

18. (Amended) A method [according to claim 17 further comprising the step of] for attaching an optic fiber to an optic chip and for maintaining alignment of the fiber at its end adjacent the chip, comprising the steps of:

utilizing a sleeve having a symmetrically shaped cavity;

placing an adhesive into the sleeve cavity for being symmetrically shaped thereby;

positioning the sleeve onto the chip;

inserting the fiber into the cavity;

aligning the fiber within the cavity and positioning the fiber end adjacent the chip;

securing the fiber to the chip;

curing the adhesive whereby the adhesive, as symmetrically shaped by the cavity, precisely positions the fiber to the chip; and

removing the sleeve from the chip after the adhesive has cured.

Claim 19 (cancelled)

20. (Amended) A method according to claim [~~17~~] 18 further comprising the step of providing the sleeve cavity with a truncated pyramid configuration.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim [~~17~~] 18 further comprising the step of providing the sleeve cavity with a truncated right circular cone configuration.